

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 19, 2012.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, U.S.
Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I write to let you know that I have submitted the attached letter to the Governor of Washington to tender my resignation from the United States House of Representatives effective at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

It has been a high honor to serve in the people's House. I have fervent hopes that in the years to come the House will serve to continue America's effort to always bend the arc of the moral universe towards justice.

Very truly yours,

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Member of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
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Hon. CHRISTINE GREGOIRE,
Governor of Washington,
Office of the Governor, Olympia, WA.

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REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2920

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor on H.R. 2920.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GIBSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 229

Mr. KISSELL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I be removed as a cosponsor from H. Res. 229.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

HONORING DR. CHARLES GILCHRIST ADAMS

(Mr. CONYERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, even though he is very much alive, I rise this evening to celebrate the inspired life and contributions of the Reverend Dr. Charles Adams, who, on April 30 of this year, will be completing his teach-

ing at the Harvard Divinity School, where he has for years conducted these important courses that he has taught.

Earlier, he was the head of the largest NAACP chapter in the Nation, the Detroit chapter. He has inspired countless numbers of people on this planet to a greater faith and in the necessity to follow up with the work to produce the change, the compassion that in some ways, sometimes large and other times small, can dispense hope in a community, a State, a Nation, and sometimes even a world.

DR. CHARLES GILCHRIST ADAMS

PASTOR, HARTFORD MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
WILLIAM AND LUCILLE NICKERSON PROFESSOR
OF THE PRACTICE OF ETHICS AND MINISTRY,
HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL

Charles G. Adams, one of the most prominent ministers in the United States, an acclaimed preacher and leader on faith-based urban revitalization has been Pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church since 1969. From 1962 to 1969 Dr. Adams served as Pastor of the historic Concord Baptist Church in Boston, Massachusetts. He has lectured on homiletics and Black Church Studies at Boston University, Andover Newton School of Theology, Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, and Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado.

Charles Gilchrist Adams, was born December 13, 1936, in Detroit, Michigan. He was baptized by his granduncle, the late Gordon Blaine Hancock, of Richmond, Virginia. He attended Fisk University where he was President of the Sophomore Class and Vice President of the Student Council.

He graduated with honors from the University of Michigan and Harvard University and went on to become a doctoral fellow in Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He has been awarded twelve honorary doctorates from such institutions as Morehouse College, Marygrove College, Dillard University, Morris College, Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo Michigan, and the University of Michigan.

From 1962 to 1969, Dr. Adams served as Pastor of the historic Concord Baptist Church in Boston, Massachusetts, followed by an appointment as the Pastor of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, in 1969. He has lectured on homiletics and Black Church studies in Boston University, Andover Newton School of Theology, Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, and Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. He lectured seven times at Boston University School of Theology in a course on the Black Church taught by Professor Preston Noah Williams.

In April 1989, Dr. Adams was invited to speak before the United Nations on South African apartheid. In August 1990, he was a speaker for the World Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in Seoul, Korea. His theme was "Together In Christ We Love."

In 1991, Dr. Adams addressed the Seventh General Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Canberra, Australia, and spoke on the 157 theme, "Come Holy Spirit, Renew The Whole Creation. At this Assembly, he was elected to their organization's Central Committee. He recommended the World Council use its offices and resources to combat racism in the U.S. and around the world, and their response was to join forces with the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. Together, the organizations converged on Los Angeles in 1992 to meet with churches, gang leaders, public officials and citizens in order to bring about a lasting peace after the riots following the verdict in the beating of Rodney King.

Dr. Adams was the 1993-94 Conference Preacher for Hampton University Ministers Conference held in Hampton, Virginia. He has been awarded twelve honorary doctorates from colleges and universities across the country, has spoken before the United Nations (on South African Apartheid), and has received the coveted "Rabbi Marvin Katzenstein Award" from the Harvard Divinity School. This is given to a Harvard graduate who exhibits "a passionate and helpful interest in the lives of other people, an informed and realistic faithfulness, and an embodiment of the idea that love is not so much a way of feeling as way of acting and has a reliable sense of humor."

Dr. Adams' board affiliations include the Baptist World Alliance, the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches, the Congress of National Black Churches, Morehouse College (Atlanta, GA) and Morris College (Sumpter, SC). He is married to Agnes Hadley Adams and is the father of Tara Adams Washington, M.D., and the Rev. Charles Christian Adams.

BOOST OUR ENERGY SUPPLY BEFORE TAPPING SPR

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it seems the administration may open up the emergency strategic petroleum reserves under the economic theory that more supply will lower the price of oil and gasoline.

If the President's theory of supply is correct, then why not allow more oil shale leasing in the West? Why not say yes to more oil and gas lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico? Why not say yes to the Keystone pipeline? Why not remove the slow permitting processes?

If it wasn't for more oil production on nongovernment lands, the situation of supply would be even worse.

The administration wants to save us from the high cost of gasoline by increasing supply. I agree. So I've introduced legislation that would require the administration to do all of the above before it can tap into the SPR.

Let's increase our energy supply and give Americans some relief at the pump. We don't need a temporary fix in supply. We need a long-term energy supply solution.

And that's just the way it is.

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THE SUDAN SECURITY, PEACE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

(Mr. AL GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce that I am going to cosponsor H.R. 4169, the Sudan Security, Peace, and Accountability Act.

I'm doing this, Mr. Speaker, because it has been called to our attention that there are atrocities still taking place in Sudan. People are suffering, people are dying, and there is a possibility of a humanitarian crisis developing. This bill will allow sanctions to be imposed.